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Excellency,

Assalaam Alaikum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuhu.

The Islamic Council has learnt with profound sorrow and grave anxiety about the reported arrest and imprisonment of some 30 Arab Mujahideen who had fought valiantly for the cause of Islam in Afghanistan. Even more disturbing are the reports that Egypt's intelligence and security personnel have been allowed to interrogate the Mujahideen from Egypt held in Pakistan prisons.

We wish to point out that Egypt's intelligence and security apparatus has earned world-wide notoriety for its gruesome methods of torture, intimidation and humiliation to suppress and punish dissent. These have been documented by international human rights organisations such as Amnesty International, Middle East Watch and the Human Rights Division of the US Dpartment of State. Amnesty International published in 1991 a highly damning report about the shocking and inhuman treatment of political prisoners in Egypt under the title: 'Egypt: Ten Years of Torture'.

We appeal to you to release these valiant Muslims and not to hand them over to their respective governments who are certain to treat them most brutally once in their hands. We also hope that these Arab Muslims will continue to enjoy asylum in Pakistan. However, if for any reason this be not possible, then they be allowed to go to any country of their choice.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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